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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the Office Action comprising a Restriction Requirement mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) on October 12, 2006 with a one-month shortened statutory period for response.

No additional fee should be required for the accompanying Amendment. The fee for the claims has been calculated as shown below:

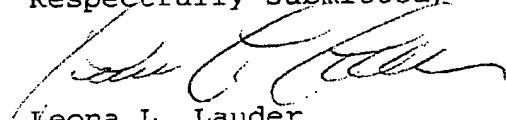
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However, should any additional fees be determined to be necessary in connection with this paper, Applicants respectfully request that any such additional fees be charged to Deposit Account No. 12-0615.

Respectfully submitted,


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND
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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION
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Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action comprising a Restriction Requirement concerning the above-identified application, which Office Action was mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) on October 12, 2006 with a

one month shortened statutory period for response, and signed by Examiner Brandon J. Fetterolf, PhD. and his Supervisory Patent Examiner (SPE) Jeffery Siew.¹

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Response to Restriction Requirement – Group VII Election

Applicants respectfully traverse the 7-way Restriction Requirement but elect the Group VII Claims 67-69 “drawn to a method of imaging tumors and/or metastases that express CA IX in a patient comprising administering a CA IX-specific inhibitor linked to a imaging agent. . . .” [Office Action, page 3.] Applicants in making that election cancel Claims 1-66 but reserve the right under 35 USC Section 121 to file subsequent divisional applications to protect the invention commensurate with the scope as originally filed.

Preliminary Amendment

Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified Group VII Claims 67-69, Applicants respectfully request that the subject application be amended to add new Claims 70-84. New Claims 70-84 point out with more particularity and clarity the subject matter of the Group VII claims “drawn to a method of imaging tumors and/or metastases that express CA IX in a patient comprising administering a CA IX-specific inhibitor linked to an imaging agent. . . .” [Office Action, page 3.]

1. Applicants respectfully point out that a second Restriction Requirement that is substantively different but whose cover sheet indicates that it was from Examiner Fetterolf's office, was mailed from the PTO on the same day to the Applicants. The second Restriction Requirement was signed by Examiner Erich A. Leeser and his SPE James O. Wilson. Applicants contacted Examiner Leeser about the two different Restriction Requirements for the subject application. Examiner Leeser, after consultation with his SPE, called the undersigned Attorney for the Applicants to inform the Applicants that the Restriction Requirement signed by him and his SPE would be withdrawn.